





Poland's energy challenges in the context of the war in Ukraine

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- Share of coal in electricity generation: 71% (from 87% in a decade).
- > Despite high CO₂ prices, coal-fired generation is less expensive than natural gas-fired generation.
- Record 2021 in electricity production (179.4 TWh, +14% y/y) and consumption (180.3 TWh, +5.4% y/y) caused by fast-growing economy.
- RES capacity is growing (+4.4 GW y/y), photovoltaics (+3.7 GW y/y = +95% y/y), wind (only +5% y/y).
- Share of RES in energy mix: 16.9% (from 6.9% in a decade). Capacity grew from 6.1% to over 30% in 10 years (wind: 50% of RES).
- > Carbon dioxide emissions dropped by 17% since 2010, however still very high for world standards.



Poland's energy production 2021 Source: Forum Energii: Energy transition in Poland 2022

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Forecast of coal's share in electricity generation by 2040



Renewable energy consumption forecast for 2020-2040



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> COAL

Coal consumption: 63.5M tons (11 M tons steam coal import - 82% from Russia, i.e. 15% of total use)

> GAS

OIL

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- → Gas imports (both pipeline and LNG): 17.4 bcm (55% from Russia)
- Gas exports: 1.4 bcm (98% to Ukraine)
- Gas production: 2.7 bcm (high methan gas and declining); 3.7 bcm nitrogen –rich)



Import of resources in 2020 Source: Energy transition in Poland, Forum Energii, based on wnp.pl data

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Coal

- Possible temporary production increase;
- Redirection of supply chains;
- Discussion on extending life-span of coal power stations;
- No new coal power plants.

Gas

- Independence from Russia by Baltic pipe, own production and reserves;
- Acceleration of gas terminals constructions and storage;
- Hydrogen blending
- Stabilizing role of gas until nuclear energy is available (new gas plants little probable).

Oil

• Developing new directions (Saudi Aramco and other middle east companies).

RES

- Initially war causes slowing down in decarbonization but in a longer-term high probability of acceleration of transition by using RES;
- RES becoming more price effective;
- Regulation update necessary;
- Update: 50% by 2040.

Nuclear power

- Acceleration of construction of the first power station;
- Small Modular Reactors.

Energy storage

- Role of batteries;
- Hydrogen.

Energy efficiency improvement

- Role of the construction sector and technology;
- Information and education.